"...let us save what remains: not by vaults and locks which fence them from the public eye and use in consigning them to the waste of time, but by such a multiplication of copies, as shall place them beyond the reach of accident." Jefferson, Thomas. [1791] 1984. Thomas Jefferson to Ebenezer Hazard, Philadelphia, February 18, 1791. In Thomas Jefferson: Writings: Autobiography, Notes on the State of Virginia, Public and Private Papers, Addresses, Letters, edited by Merrill D. Peterson. New York: Library of America

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For centuries libraries and publishers have had stable roles: publishers produced information; libraries provided access to this information. Libraries, through their collection programs, provide access to information and knowledge to current and future generations of readers. The evolution of the Web has disrupted this critical library role. Libraries haven't had an easy way to build digital collections, nor had any assurance that a digital collection - once obtained - would remain accessible to future generations. Publishers are being asked to assure persistent access to content - a function well outside of their core mission. The LOCKSS Program addresses these issues. LOCKSS is open source, peer-to-peer software that functions as a persistent access preservation system. Information is delivered via the web, and stored using a sophisticated but easy to use caching system. Simply put, LOCKSS provides for Jefferson's "multiplication of copies," but with an electronic twist. Please explore the LOCKSS Program and feel welcome take advantage of its many benefits.

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PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES (updated June 14, 2005)

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Preserving web content that's here today and gone tomorrow

In response to many requests for a simple demonstration of the capabilities of the LOCKSS system, we published the LOCKSS Winter 2005 Card. The Card contained a movie of the LOCKSS team, an excel spreadsheet, LOCKSS java software, and many other file formats. The

card, was available during February and March at http://www.lockss.org/card/2005/february/. It has now disappeared from the web. Fortunately, most of the LOCKSS machines around the world collected and preserved it. The readers at these institutions have perpetual access to this content. This exercise demonstrated a number of important features of the LOCKSS system: Content remains visible after it disappears from the publisher; Access to preserved content is transparent - the Card will be visible at its original URL; The system is format agnostic - the Card includes a wide range of formats (HTML, PDF, Quicktime Movie, Microsoft Excel, gif, JPEG, XML, Java source, Java JAR files)

George Mason University's LOCKSS Program Presentation

Wally Grotophorst, Associate University Librarian presented the LOCKSS Program to George Washington University librarians on January 11, 2005. This Quicktime presentation is an excellent, entertaining introduction to the Program.